

Procedural Rules For
Public Hearings Concerning
O'Hare Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
And
An Associated Application For A Clean Water Act, Section 404,
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And
An Associated Application For A Clean Water Act, Section 401,
Water Quality Certification

1. Dates, Locations, and Times for the Public Hearings

- Tuesday, February 22, 2005, Avalon Banquets, 1905 East Higgins Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois, from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Wednesday, February, 23, 2005, Waterford Conference Center, 933 South Riverside Drive, Elmhurst, Illinois, from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Thursday, February 24, 2005, White Eagle Banquets, 6839 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois, from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm

2. Provision of Testimony and at the Public Hearings

- The conduct of the Public Hearings shall be administered by the Hearing Officer whose decisions as to procedures and rules of conduct not otherwise specifically addressed in these rules shall be final. The Hearing Officer shall make a brief statement at each occasion when going on and off the record.
- The first half hour of each hour of testimony will be allocated to pre-reserved testimony. Those wishing to provide pre-reserved testimony should contact Mr. Mike MacMullen of the FAA at 847/294-8339.
- The second half hour of each hour of testimony is allocated to walk-in-testimony.
- Hearing attendees will not be permitted to bring posters, signs, or other similar items into the Public Hearing facilities. Hearing attendees/participants will not be permitted to disrupt testimony or to otherwise impede either the Hearings themselves or the associated

information sessions. Violation of these provisions shall, at the sole discretion of the Hearing Officer, be cause for removal of the offending attendee(s) from the Hearing facilities.

- Two microphones will be provided for testimony. One microphone is to be utilized for the person first providing testimony. The second microphone will be provided for the next person in line waiting to provide testimony. In addition, a timing device visually indicating the approaching testimony time limit, and expiration of the testimony time limit will be provided.
- Testimony on behalf of a group or agency representative will be limited to 5 minutes. Testimony from all others will be limited to 3 minutes. Unused testimony time of a group representative or individual cannot be added to the available testimony time of any other group representative or individual. However, if an individual or group representative has more verbal testimony to provide after their 3 minute or 5 minute time allotment has expired, the individual or group representative can get back in line one more time, only. Once a group representative has provided testimony on behalf of the group for which he/she is the representative, no additional representatives will be permitted to offer additional testimony on behalf of that group.
- Any and all testimony received at the Public Hearings will be recorded by court reporters.
- Spanish language and American Sign Language translators will be available to assist in provision of testimony during the Hearing and/or verbal/written comments in the informational sessions.
- Registration to provide testimony at the Public Hearings will conclude by 9:00 pm. The closure time for testimony at the Public Hearings will be extended past 9:00 pm, if necessary to accommodate those who have registered to provide testimony by 9:00 pm.

3. Informational Sessions

- An informational session including agencies' staff, illustrative exhibits and other materials will be held at the same times, and in the same facilities as those of the Public Hearings.
- Comment forms will be available for provision of written comments at the informational sessions.

- Court reporter(s) will be available to record oral comments of those who do not wish to testify in the main hearing room.
- Spanish language and American Sign Language translators will be available to assist in provision of oral and/or written comments at the informational sessions.
- Representatives of FAA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) will be available at the informational sessions to provide information about the Draft EIS (FAA), the Section 404 permit process (USACE), and/or Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (IEPA).

4. Equal Consideration for all Testimony and/or Commentary

- **All testimony/comments on the DEIS, whether provided verbally or in writing at the Hearings, or to the FAA by fax, telephone, or e-mail, by no later than midnight, Wednesday March 23, 2005, shall be equally considered by FAA.**